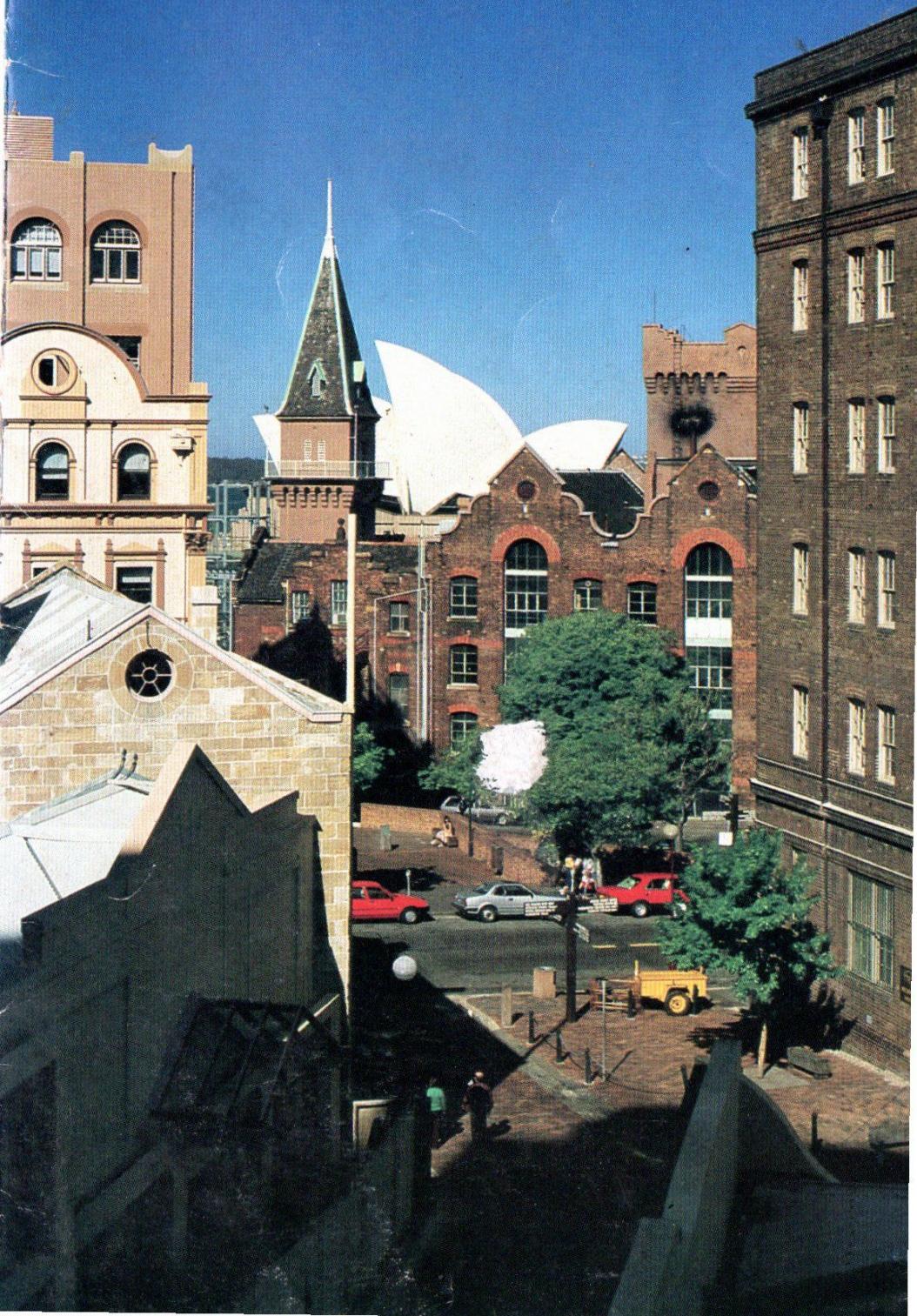


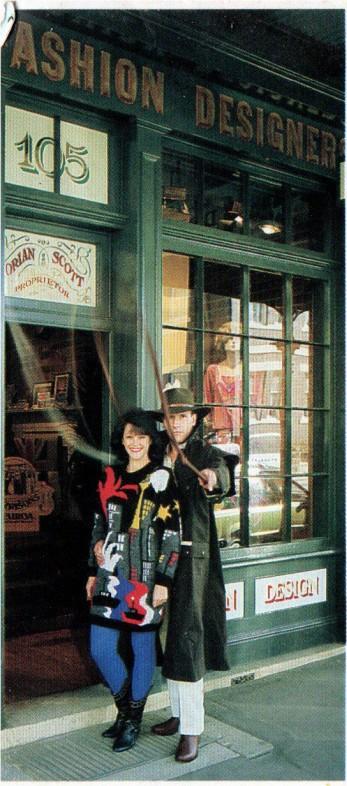
# THE ROCKS

Australia's First European Settlement

---

## SYDNEY • AUSTRALIA





### Relax at The Rocks

It's no surprise to find that the pubs and restaurants around The Rocks are favourites with Sydneysiders and visitors alike. And there are menus to suit every taste: Sydney's famous seafood, pub barbeques, and intimate tea rooms. Plus an international array including Chinese, Italian and French cuisine. Some pubs serve up jazz and popular music as well as good food. Or you can choose an all-Australian night out complete with sheep shearing and bush band.



### How to find The Rocks

Walk from Circular Quay station/ferry terminal, or catch a Millers Point bus from Wynyard Station in George Street. Sydney Explorer Bus stops 17 to 20.

Car parking in Grosvenor Place building, Regent Hotel, or on-street.

### More information

The Rocks Visitors Centre  
104 George Street  
The Rocks, Sydney,  
NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 27 4972

Hrs: 8.30 am to  
4.30 pm Mon-Fri.  
10.00 am to  
5.00 pm Sat-Sun.  
and Public Holidays.  
Closed Christmas Day  
and Good Friday.

### How to find The Rocks

The Visitors Centre, in the Old Coroners Court, (pictured below) is where you will find free maps, brochures, historic information, displays and audio-visual on The Rocks. The friendly staff will help you to make the most of your visit.

Schools and groups please note that due to the popularity of the audio-visual, it is necessary to make advance bookings with The Rocks Visitors Centre.

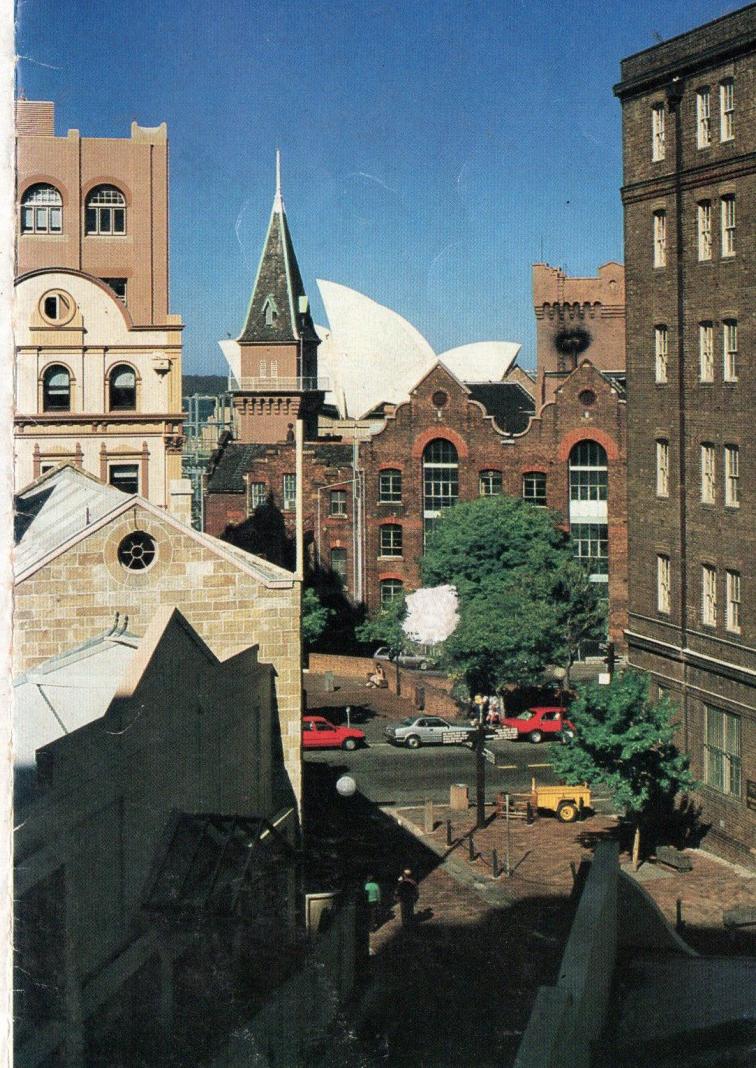
**Sydney Cove  
Redevelopment  
Authority  
Revitalising The Rocks**



# THE ROCKS

Australia's First European Settlement

## SYDNEY • AUSTRALIA

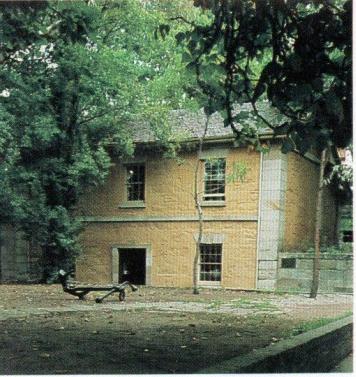
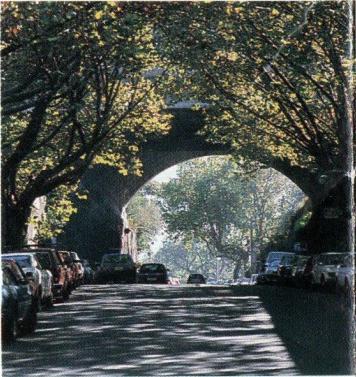


## Why do they call The Rocks, The Rocks?

On 26 January, 1788, the First Fleet from England arrived in Sydney Cove. Working parties of convicts were landed to clear the ground and establish Australia's first European settlement on the rocky outcrops of sandstone which gave The Rocks its name.

## The rest is history

The Rocks was Sydney's early commercial and maritime quarter, packed with warehouses, bawdy taverns, flophouses, and lusty seafarers from around the world. The rocky slopes prevented proper construction of roads or drainage for the murky tenements clustered in the narrow alleyways, and for many



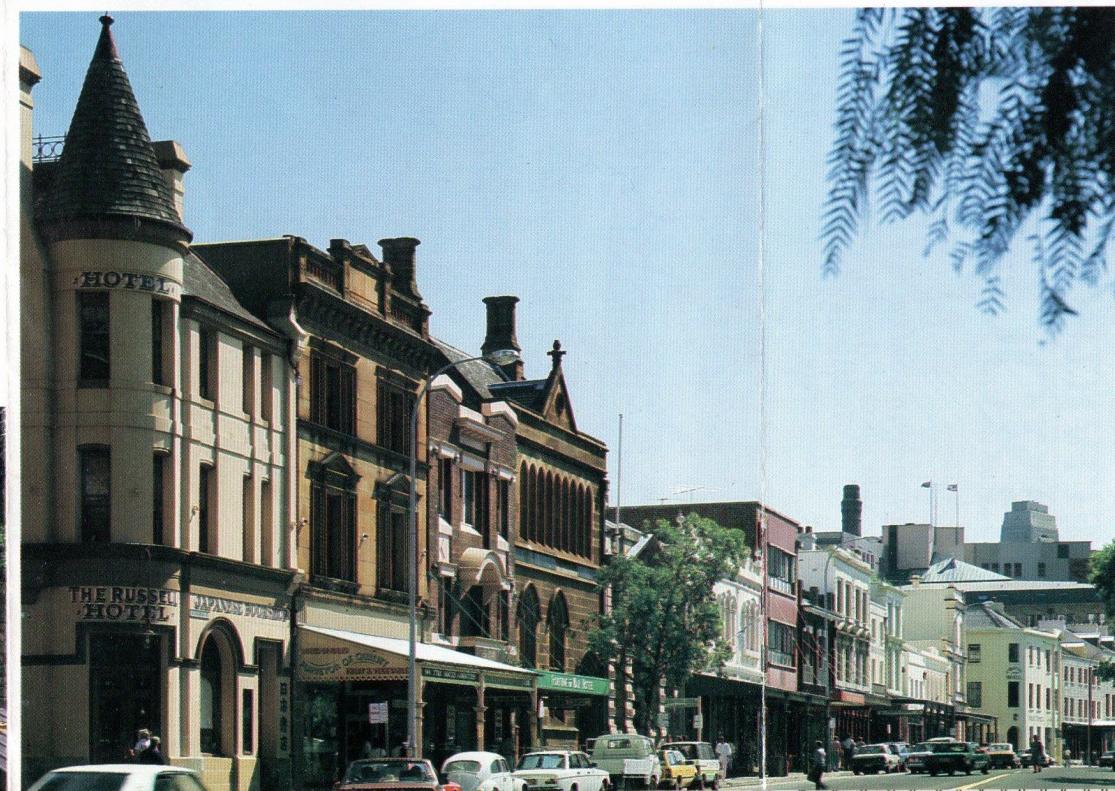
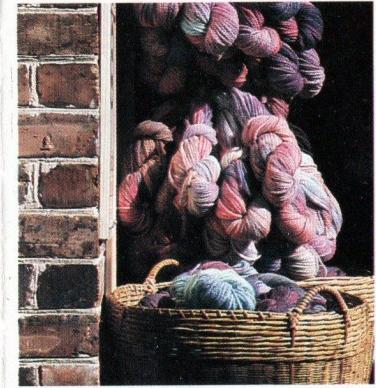
years it was Sydney's most unsavoury quarter.

The area developed spasmodically, with some attempts at grandeur, until the bubonic plague at the turn of the century. Then large portions of the district were burnt out and demolished to control the rats. Other fine buildings were swept away with the construction of the Harbour Bridge.

Thankfully, many historical buildings survived.

## Revitalising The Rocks

Although nothing can be seen today of the original settlement, The Rocks has still managed to retain its unique links with the past.

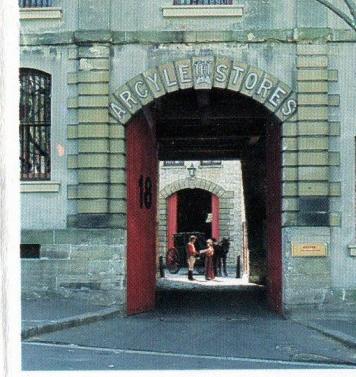


In 1970 this historic area was vested in the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority by Act of Parliament. The Authority has a charter to restore and preserve buildings of historical or architectural interest and to blend with them new buildings for residential, commercial and recreational use.

The Rocks is now famous for its streetscapes and historic buildings, laneways and open spaces.

## A natural home for arts and crafts

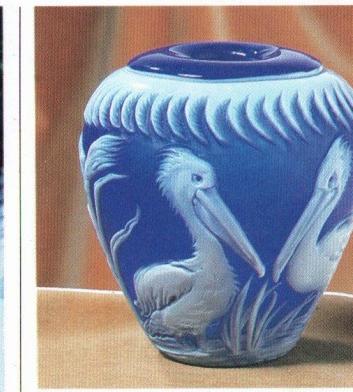
Within sandstone walls and old police station cells, restored bond stores and cottages, you will find an outstanding selection of arts and crafts on sale and exhibition. All are authentically Australian.



## Looking for something special?

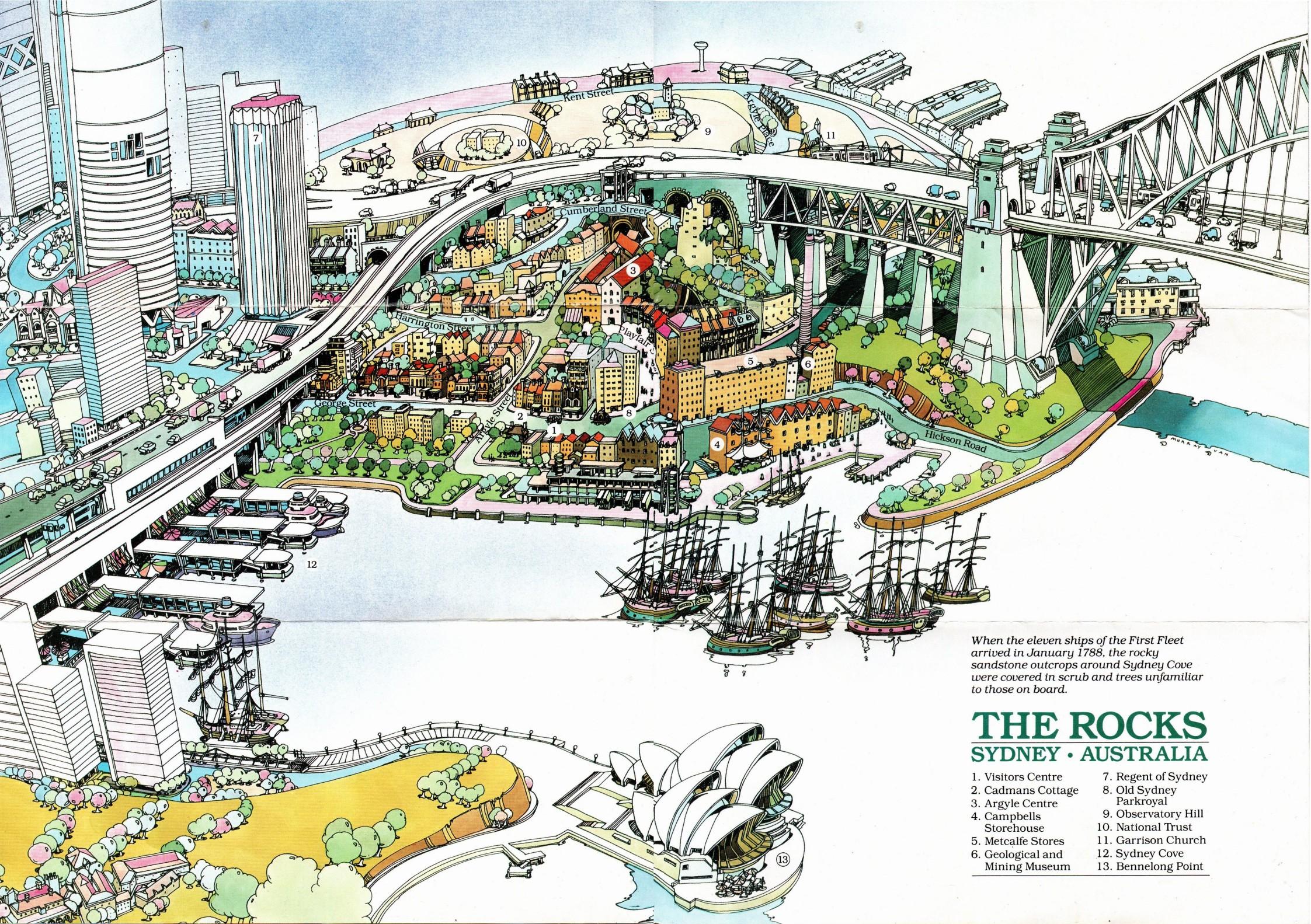
Browsing in The Rocks gives you the exciting combination of specialty shopping in a distinctly Australian location.

Whether you're looking for aboriginal artefacts or opals, carpets or kilts, keepsakes or collectables, pottery or paintings,



tapestries or teddies, woollens or sheepskins, finery or furniture, you'll discover them all in over eighty specialty shops in and around George Street and at the Argyle Centre.

Many of these shops are open from 9 am to 5 pm seven days a week.



When the eleven ships of the First Fleet arrived in January 1788, the rocky sandstone outcrops around Sydney Cove were covered in scrub and trees unfamiliar to those on board.

## THE ROCKS SYDNEY • AUSTRALIA

- 1. Visitors Centre
- 2. Cadmans Cottage
- 3. Argyle Centre
- 4. Campbells Storehouse
- 5. Metcalfe Stores
- 6. Geological and Mining Museum
- 7. Regent of Sydney
- 8. Old Sydney Parkroyal
- 9. Observatory Hill
- 10. National Trust
- 11. Garrison Church
- 12. Sydney Cove
- 13. Bennelong Point